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In re Application of :  
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For: HERMETIC COMPRESSOR :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 12 of this paper. Claims 1-9 are pending, with claims 1 and 8 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.